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## Lindbergh for War

LINDBERGH today is the patron saint of the pacifists (and also the Nazis, Bundists, Fascists and anti-Semites, Ku-Kluxers, etc.) The pacifists say he is for peace. This is not true. Lindbergh is for war. Lindbergh is not only for war, but for murder, bloodshed, aggression. He is for betrayal. He is for the Hitler war. Here are Lindbergh's exact words:

"I therefore advocated that England and France build their military forces with the utmost rapidity, but that they permit Germany to expand eastward into Russia without declaring war."

"If Germany had been permitted to throw her armies eastward against Russia in 1939 instead of 1941, the picture in Europe would be far different today. Whether or not Germany would have turned west after conquering Russia is debatable."

These quotations are from Lindbergh's NYC speech Oct 30. They show Lindbergh okaying a Nazi war against Russia; the seizure of foreign lands and people; aggression; the killing of millions, which is war. Lindbergh did not want certain nations to declare war, but for years he advocated bloodshed, suffering and death for one nation (Russia), so that another (Nazi Germany) would profit.

## Treason to Strike?

IN all the strikes of the past fortnight—which have resulted in anti-labor hysteria, thanks to the headlines of about 98% of the American press—the corporations were to blame. This fact was stated in about 2% of the newspapers; the majority falsified the issue in headlines, biased news and editorials.

At the same time many Congressmen made speeches against labor. Representative Russell of Texas introduced a measure which would make a "defense" strike treason. Representative Hoffman of Michigan, one of the greatest enemies labor and democracy ever had in Congress, asked for action on his bill to abolish the union closed shop and introduced a new bill which would force every workman on strike to be examined for combat service or be sent to forced labor on defense contracts.

IN FACT again calls attention to the following facts which no standard commercial newspaper has ever published: that the election funds total about \$25,000,000 every campaign; that although a pretense is made of collecting single dollars from citizens, the bulk comes from the big corporations; that the DuPonts, Mellons, Rockefellers, Standard Oil, Sunoco, the big steel corporations, etc. contribute the bulk; that many

## Facts Prove Lindbergh Agent of Hitler's 3 Major Lies:

### On the Press, on Nazi Air Invincibility, on Aryanism

HITLER has proclaimed the theory that "the bigger the lie the greater its value." Charles A. Lindbergh Jr has spread three of the greatest lies of the twentieth century throughout the world. These are:

1. The Nazi-Coughlin lie of Jewish ownership or control of the American press.
2. The lie of Nazi air invincibility.
3. The Nazi lie of race, color and blood superiority.

Senator Wheeler has also broadcast the lie of the international bankers being Jewish. He later apologized for his mistake.

Lindbergh, Wheeler, and others who have spread falsehoods throughout America (which according to Johannes Steel's radio broadcast [WMCA Oct 16] are frequently the same falsehoods which the Goebbels propaganda bureau sends out by Berlin short wave on the same day the speakers use them in the United States) are all representatives of America First.

America First is isolationist. It is the largest organization of people who are for peace, and frequently for appeasement. Its rank and file is regarded as honest and sincere. Its leadership, however, has refused to disown its pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic spokesmen, chief of whom is Lindbergh. In this issue Lindbergh's main lies will be answered by facts.

## Deliberate "Big" Lying Hitler's Policy

To most Americans the word "lie" has a shocking sound. They should read Hitler's own statement that falsehood is to be employed and, moreover, that the bigger the lie the better, because ordinary people are used to little lies and therefore the colossal lie is beyond them and will stick. In the original 1935 German edition of *Mein Kampf* Hitler wrote a passage beginning:

"In der Groesse der Luege liegt immer ein gewisser Faktor des Geglauftwerdens, da die breite Masse eines Volkes . . ." etc. The reader will find it on page 252. Here is the passage in translation:

"The size of the lie is a definite factor in causing it to be believed, because the vast masses of a nation are in the depths of their hearts more easily deceived than they are consciously and intentionally bad.

"The primitive simplicity of their minds renders them more easy victims of a big lie than a small one, because they themselves often tell little lies but would be ashamed to tell big ones.

"Such a form of lying would never enter their heads. They would never credit others with the possibility of such great impudence as the complete reversal of facts. Even explanations would long leave them in doubt and hesitation, and any trifling reason would dispose them to accept a thing as true.

"SOMETHING THEREFORE ALWAYS REMAINS AND STICKS FROM THE MOST IMPUDENT LIES, a fact which all bodies and individuals concerned in the art of lying in this world know only too well, and therefore they stop at nothing to achieve this end."

Hitler not only admits "the value of the big lie" but admits aiming Nazi propaganda at the lowest, or moron intelligence. He writes in *Mein Kampf* (the numbers are the pages in the 14th German edition):

"All propaganda must be so popular and on such an intellectual level that even the most stupid of those toward whom it is directed will understand it. Therefore the intellectual level of the propaganda must be the lower, the larger the number of people who are to be influenced by it." (197)

"Propaganda must not serve the truth, especially not insofar as it might bring out something favorable for the opponent." (260)

"Through clever and constant application of propaganda, people can be made to see paradise as hell, and also the other way round, to consider the most wretched sort of life as paradise." (376)

## I. THE LINDBERGH LIE ABOUT THE PRESS

Proof that Lindbergh lied regarding Jews and the press is given in Editor & Publisher, unofficial spokesman for the publishers of America, its statistical publications and handbooks. (Although IN FACT disagrees 100% with E&P regarding the ethics and policies of the press, we accept its facts and figures.)

For many years Arthur Robb, liberal Catholic editor of E&P, has been exposing Coughlin and other falsifiers so far as the press is concerned. E&P yearbook gives all the facts. There are some 1900 dailies, published by 1700 men and corporations, of whom just 15 are Jews—or less than 1%. No Jew directs the three national news services. So far as editorial policy is concerned, Mr Robb says, the dep't stores and other advertisers do not control it. IN FACT has proof that advertisers, dep't stores, others, suppress news unfavorable to themselves, as for example, during the Gimbel strike. In the case of Big Business being on Willkie's side and big Willkie advertisers such as the Pews of Sunoco using their power against pro-Roosevelt or "independent" papers, there is also evidence. But there is no evidence that dep't store owners, Jews, Catholics or Protestants, have ever used their pressure for religious or racial purposes. All they are after is money.

### "Jewish Control of Press" A Myth

Following Lindbergh's Des Moines attack, Mr Robb wrote in E&P: "War hysteria has created the opportunity for the malicious and wicked crackpots who revel in race prejudice to get their faces out of the mud which is their natural habitat. Determined efforts have been noted to inflame the American people against the Jewish race and religion, charging that through the 'control' exercised by Jewish people over the press, the radio, and the films, the country is being drummed to war. As E&P has demonstrated by citing the facts, it is absolutely false that there is any Jewish control of the daily newspapers. [Here statistics are given] The case for control of news and editorials by Jews is a chimera" (Oct. 14).

"This page has often expressed detestation for intolerance and for propaganda against any race or religion in America. There is no 'Jewish question' of any importance except in the minds of the bigoted, the ignorant and those who use anti-religious agitation of all kinds as a cloak for even less creditable aims. We have stated, and proved, that there is no Jewish control of the American press. The facts on that are easily ascertainable by anyone who wants to know the truth; the repetition, after repeated disproof, of the lie about 'Jewish control of the news', has come from many sources with many possible motives. Whatever their motives, and no matter how great their sincerity, their promotion of this falsehood tends toward one result—the forwarding of Fascist-Nazi propaganda in a land where it can have no place" (June 15 1940).

The second quotation was occasioned by the exposure by the Birmingham News of a letter from Duetsche Fichte-Bund, Hamburg, sent to many Americans in which the phrase "Jew-controlled American press" is used; also the distribution of a sheet signed "Francis P Moran, director Christian Front," during the Yankee Division parade, Boston.

LaFollette's Progressive pointed out (March 11 1939) that an examination of the facts disproves Father Coughlin, then using the radio for anti-Semitism. "Father Coughlin," said the Progressive, "is too realistic to believe that statement [that Jews control the press] but he finds the attack useful in his plan of utilizing anti-Semitism to attain his ends."

Going down the list of cities, it is found that New York, the metropolis, with a larger Jewish population than any other city, has 2 out of 9 papers owned by Jews, the Times, which is Tory and pro-Willkie, and the Post, pro-New Deal. The biggest paper is the News with a circulation more than 3 times that of the Post and Times combined. News is isolationist, has been pro-Japanese. Hearst Mirror, with more than Times and Post circulation combined, has urged a Mussolini for America. Most embattled interventionist is Reid's Herald Tribune.

"In Chicago," continues Progressive, "there is not a single daily newspaper which is controlled by Jews. . . . In St Louis one . . . out of 3 is owned by Jews. . . . There is no Jewish newspaper owner in St Paul or Minneapolis. Ditto for Kansas City. In Washington, the national capital, where if what Father Coughlin says is true, Jewry would attempt to dominate the newspapers, there is only one newspaper out of five which is owned by a Jew. This is the Wash Post whose proprietor is the wealthy financier Eugene Meyer. But the circulation of the Post represents a small minority. . . . The cities outlined above are typical of the general situation throughout the country."

### Dorothy Thompson Answers Lindbergh

In IN FACT, Oct 15, evidence was given that in Lindbergh's Des Moines speech, his most anti-Semitic to date, he used the same phrase which Columbia shortwave listening station had picked up in a Berlin Propaganda Ministry broadcast at the same time. The Berlin propaganda said: "There are too many Jews who control the North American radio and the North American press . . ." Lindbergh said that "the British, Jewish and Administration groups" are the only important interventionists in America, and that "the greatest danger to this country lies in the large Jewish ownership and influence in our motion pictures, our press, our radio, and our government."

Are both statements true, or are they false?

Miss Dorothy Thompson (whose politics are no concern here but whose record as a journalist publishing facts is unequalled) has taken every line of

Congressmen are elected with these funds; that they pay off with legislation favoring corporations, such as the aluminum tariff which gave Alcoa a monopoly, and by fighting the general interests of the American people for the benefit of the vested interests. The fight against labor by a large number of Senators and Representatives is their repayment for election funds. (Complete documentation, IN FACT, Nov 4 1940).

### The Press Pays Off

THE American press is also the agent of the same interests which put up \$25,000,-000 for each election. (Documentary proof in Senate Monopoly Investigation Monograph 26, condensed in IN FACT March 31). It is the spokesman and agent for the National Association of Manufacturers. In every case of labor trouble it sides with the manufacturers. The manufacturers are incidentally the advertisers, and advertising pays 66% to 75% of a paper's profits.

In the captive coal mines' strikes, for example, the labor unions sent protests to the three Pittsburgh papers, Press, Post-Gazette, and Sun-Telegraph. All papers were accused of lying about the strike. No protest was published. Sec'y Geo Busti of Local 4731 said "These papers must dream their stories."

The fact is the papers are serving their masters. The Press serves Roy Howard (denounced by both the AFL and CIO as one of the leading enemies of labor today) who runs the 19 Scripps-Howard papers in as many cities. The Sun-Telegraph is one of Hearst's 18 papers which have been denounced as Fascist by many liberal and labor organizations; and the Post-Gazette is one of the Paul Block chain whose only interest is advertising money.

One of the curiosities of the present hysterical newspaper campaign against labor is the frontpaging by the NYTimes of Rep Hoffman's attack on labor. Hoffman is the leading Jew-baiter in Congress. The Times is owned by a Jew. However, the Times has never served Jewish interests; it has served only commercial interests regardless of religion or sentiment, and it has therefore always served anti-labor interests. The Times has published more than 30 editorials to smash the Wagner Act, the Magna Carta of American labor.

The Times is so biased against labor that Oct 26 its main story was headed "LEWIS DEFIES THE PRESIDENT" whereas "GERMANS CAPTURE KHARKOF" was given second place; Oct 28 it gave 4 main columns to "LEWIS STILL KEEPS COAL MINES CLOSED," whereas the World War got small 2-col head; Oct 31 it devoted 5 cols to labor with a single column head, a third of the way down col 2, to the whole World War. We leave it to the Newspaper Guild to decide if this is honest journalism or tampering with the news.

### Who Tells the Truth?

THE Gallup Poll published Oct 26 is headlined: "LABOR SEEN LOSING FAVOR WITH THE PUBLIC." This may be true. A century of newspapers fighting labor, propagandizing against unions, faking the news against labor, has resulted in millions, including workmen who are victimized by both employers and the press, voting against labor. Labor editors in a poll voted 92% endorsing

the statement that the commercial press is unfair to labor.

In the present situation some 98% of the press is against labor and the headlines and editorials show it. But are these papers telling the truth? Here is the other side:

"The daily press with only one or two distinguished exceptions that we know about, is engaged in writing one of the darkest chapters in the new history of American journalism. We refer to its crude and vicious attempt to smash organized labor under the guise of a national emergency. Big black headlines and screaming editorials daily accuse the nation's workers of delaying and even sabotaging the national defense program."—LaFollette's Progressive.

"The making of a modern newspaper is Big Business. Big Business does not want to see the growth of trade unionism. The American newspaper is the first line of defense of Big Business. Newspapers break more strikes than the National Guard or company police."—Heywood Broun (at the time he was president American Newspaper Guild).

"The public seldom if ever knows the truth about a strike. The public virtually never hears the point of view of 11,000,000 fellow Americans who are organized into trade unions. . . . Why don't more people know this? Because the American press, by and large, has made a consistent profession of strikebreaking. Because it has the same reason for opposing labor as Mr Girdler. Because both Mr Girdler and the American press are Big Business and one might as well expect fairness from the former as from the latter."—Richard Boyer, editor U S Week.

"DEFENSE STRIKE SITUATION IMPROVED, DESPITE OUTCRY."—headline in PM, only US paper not taking advertisements.

"A checkup in Washington yesterday showed that contrary to the impression generally given, the entire defense program was not endangered by this (Hillsdale Steel) stoppage. . . . The War Dep't, with the assistance of the press, is exaggerating."—PM, Oct 12.

"F LeRoy Hill, head of Air Associates Inc, is continuing his one-man sit-down strike against the National Defense Mediation Board."—PM, Oct 21. This is one of the 2 big strikes which caused the anti-labor hysteria. Employer, not labor, was 100% guilty.

"The American press, led by the great New York dailies, has performed as usual in the captive coal mine controversy. Employing editorials, cartoons, columnists and colored news stories, the newspapers have given unstinted backing to the economic interests of J P Morgan's steel empire. It is doubtful if even the publicity dep't of U S Steel

Lindbergh's quoted above (which is also the content of the Nazi broadcast) and shown in her syndicated column that Lindbergh spoke falsehood and propaganda rather than facts.

"Among the more influential radio commentators," she writes, are "Raymond Swing, H V Kaltenborn, Elmer Davis, Walter Winchell, Wm B Shirer. Among journalists: Leland Stowe, H R Knickerbocker, Edmond C Taylor, Edgar Ansell Mowrer, John Gunther, Vincent Sheean, John Whitaker, Wm Stoneman, Quentin Reynolds . . . Hamilton Fish Armstrong. Among columnists: Walter Lippmann, Jay Franklin, Raymond Clapper, Samuel Grafton and myself. Of these 30 names [including gov't officials] who would certainly be the first people to be suppressed if interventionism were being suppressed, exactly 3 are Jewish. The others are racially of Dutch, British, Irish and German extraction—there are three of pure German extraction to two of Jewish."

Of the movies, the ownership "is in the hands of banks, and there are few Jewish banks in America. None of the big three is Jewish: Chase National, Guaranty Trust, National City."

Of the press: "There is an amazingly small amount of Jewish ownership of newspapers. The big news services, AP, UP, INS are not Jewish. The largest chains are Scripps-Howard and Hearst—not Jewish. . . . The most powerful interventionist newspapers in the country are the NY Herald Tribune, Chi Daily News, Baltimore Sun, Louisville Courier Journal, Denver Post, Atlanta Constitution, Kansas City Star, San Francisco Chronicle, Des Moines Register, Washington Post and NY Post. Only the last two are Jewish-owned. The most powerful interventionist weekly press is the Luce press. Not Jewish. The two monthly magazines with the strongest interventionist policy are the Ladies Home Journal and the Atlantic Monthly. Not Jewish." Only a very small per cent of the advertisers are Jewish.

It could be added that the richest and biggest papers in America, NYDNews and Chicago Tribune, are isolationist. It is true, as IN FACT has pointed out in 52 issues, that bankers, advertisers, big money, control the press, causing suppression, distortion, anti-labor bias, venality and corruption. But no one except the Coughlinites and other anti-Semites have tried to propagate a falsehood that dep't store advertisers dictate the politics of papers. They merely look after their profits.

## 2. THE LIE OF NAZI INVINCIBILITY

From June 22 to the present date the newspaper headlines tell the story of Hitler's attack on Russia. Whatever the situation may be on the day these words are published, the historic fact has already been written and officially admitted by the Germans, that the foe was strong, stubborn, brave, knew no fear, and returned blow for blow. By Oct 24 the Germans had claimed 14,000 Russian airplanes destroyed and on that same day they reported Russian air attacks. Both sides admitted that the Germans were superior in numbers of men, guns, tanks and planes but the Germans never claimed that the Russian air force was inferior, the airplanes worthless, the fighting capacity of Russian aviators not worth mentioning, the personnel untrained, and the whole Russian air service a walkover for Germany.

Lindbergh had done just that.

Lindbergh was decorated by the Nazis. He stated he received the medal merely as a gesture. Those who years ago warned against Lindbergh said he received the decoration for services to the Nazis. The official citation which goes with Nazi medals (such as Henry Ford and other pro-Nazi Americans have received) shows it is for help to the Hitler regime. No one but Lindbergh himself can answer the question whether he got the medal for spreading the Hitler propaganda lie of the invincibility of the German air force and the uselessness of the Russian air force. The facts about his spreading this lie appeared in the daily press of Britain in 1938.

1) In the House of Commons, Oct 10, Ellen Wilkinson, Labor member, said: "It is a very serious thing that when a very prominent American airman was being lunched by these people [Lady Astor and Clivedeners] and all sorts of official people invited to meet him, he assured them it was impossible for this country to do anything because Germany's air force was better than the Russian, British and French combined."

2) London Sunday Times Oct 2: "Col Lindbergh has recently returned from a visit to Russia and apparently he was not favorably impressed by the rate of progress there."

3) Lord Beaverbrook's Express, Oct 16: "What is the mysterious, secretive, over-publicized Col Lindbergh up to? Always when trouble has been bubbling, his black and orange airplane has flown him to the storm center. . . . He paid another visit to Germany early this year and in between these visits he has busied himself spreading alarming stories here about Germany's air strength compared with ours.

"Germany's machines, he tells all ears that listen here, are better than ours. She has more of them. Her production is fivefold ours. And when these facts are firmly planted in the listener's mind, the Colonel will then, it is said, strongly advocate some sort of pact between Britain and Germany as the only way Britain can avoid disaster.

"He always insists firmly that he is anti-Nazi himself, but those who are

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favored with his views say that he never hesitates to voice his glowing admiration for Hitler and the German State.

"Early this year he was in Russia as an honored guest and he was given unusual facilities to see the Russian air force, Russia's flying men took him fully into their confidence.

"Then he returned to Britain and began to spread the story that the Russian air force was useless.

"When the crisis was developing, too, he took himself to France and spread the same story there. That story shook France and may have considerable influence on the vital decisions that France in common with Britain had to make."

4) The Week, Oct 13, declared that Lindbergh called on Lloyd George to persuade him that the Russian air service was useless. The Week reported that Lloyd George asked Lindbergh if he had talked with War Commissar Voroshilov, and that Lindbergh replied:

"No. Voroshilov? Who's Voroshilov, anyway?"

It was also reported that Lloyd George found Lindbergh personally "quite a charming fellow."

The Hitler decoration to Lindbergh, a "distinguished foreigner who has deserved well of the Reich," was presented Oct 19, about a week after Lindbergh's "Russian hosts, eleven noted aviators, signed a statement accusing Lindbergh of "providing Chamberlain with arguments for handing over parts of Czechoslovakia to Adolph Hitler." The statement also accused Lindbergh of "calumnies and insolent attacks" and quoted Lindbergh as telling Lady Astor: "Germany possesses such a strong air force it is capable of defeating the combined air fleets of England, France, Russia and Czechoslovakia." This is called "a colossal lie. . . . Another unbridled lie followed. Lindbergh declared the Soviet air fleet is without leadership and is in a chaotic condition. . . . Lindbergh plays the role of stupid liar, lackey and flatterer of German Fascists and their English aristocratic protectors. He had an order from English reactionary circles to prove the weakness of Soviet aviation and give Chamberlain an argument for capitulation at Munich in connection with Czechoslovakia.

"The bribed liar, Lindbergh, fulfilled the order of his masters. That explains everything."

### War Record Refutes Lindbergh

Who was lying, Lindbergh or the Russians? The newspapers of the past four months provide most of the answer.

Here is what the Nazi official handbook of contemporary military science (Handbuch der Neuzeitlichen Wehrwissenschaften), issued in Berlin in May 1939 said half a year after Lindbergh's propaganda trip to the British Clivedeners and Hitlerites:

"In the past 16 years the Russians have built up a military air force which leads the world in numbers. . . . The powerful Soviet aviation industry is based on some 50 factories producing planes and engines and another 50 spare parts. These factories furnish six to seven thousand planes annually and 7000 engines.

"In a short time Russia has become an air power of the first order."

Major Al Williams of the Scrips-Howard newspaper chain endorsed Lindbergh. Major George Fielding Eliot said the opposite. Captain Bossoutrot, who had inspected Russian aviation as head of a delegation of the air commission, French Chamber of Deputies, said regarding Lindbergh's statement that: "I can only repeat that in 1936 the Soviet air force was the most powerful in the world, and since then even German technicians agree that its production has increased." C C Grey, editor of Aeroplane (London) agreed with Lindbergh. Grey also came out for Hitler and Mussolini politically.

These are the facts in the case. In view of the written pages of history of the past four months there can now be no question that Lindbergh carried the Nazi air invincibility lie to Britain. Of course, the fact that the inferior British air fleet in Sept 1940 held its own against—and some say it defeated—the German air fleet, is further evidence that Lindbergh was just another agent of the Hitler theory of the colossal lie when he mingled with the Cliveden Set.

(NOTE: The "Race, Blood and Color" Lie, list of "international bankers," and evidence on America First leaders in next issue.)



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"J P Morgan's name was played down, of course, and would probably have been omitted altogether except for the scathing letter of John L Lewis telling Pres Roosevelt about a 'rich man in NY.' That letter made it impossible for the papers to suppress the fact that this was a battle against the House of Morgan." (Federated Press Oct 30.)

(IN FACT as usual takes no editorial stand; it presents the fact about labor which the commercial press perverts.)

### P S: The Truth

THE entire anti-labor campaign by press and Congressmen was occasioned by newspapers sensationalizing 2 strikes: Air Associates and captive mines. IN FACT states labor was right, employers wrong, in both cases; the press (as usual) faked the story, fooled the American people. Action by Roosevelt against Messrs Hill (AA) and J P Morgan (coal) would have been justified before strikes were called.

Now two facts emerge—and they do not get big headlines:

Reviewing the record of Air Associates—refusal to abide by decisions favoring the workers by US Labor Dep't, NJ Board of Mediation, OPM, War Dep't, and NDMB—President Roosevelt stated that he used troops: "As a result of this failure on the part of the company. . . ."

2) And, 1-col headline, NYTimes, Nov 1: "VICTORY BY LEWIS SEEN IN CAPITAL. Majority in Mediation Board for Union Shop Predicted." The story says U S Steel will comply with Board's order.

The truth, that labor was right, owners wrong, in both instances, comes as a sort of post script to 2 weeks of anti-labor headlines. No wonder the Gallup Poll indicates there is a majority against labor unions. The press creates this majority by falsehood and perversion.

### Chance for Action

READERS who have asked IN FACT for constructive criticism and advice on what to do about freedom of the press and of the air now have an opportunity to act. Progressive groups and labor and liberal organizations have frequently been denied time on the air by the radio stations. The Federal Communications Commission is holding hearings. The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, 1410 H St, NW, Washington, through Atty A J Isserman (also atty Newspaper Guild) will be represented Nov 8. Airmail or telegraph, send documentary evidence, of every instance of radio discrimination against civil rights, labor, progressive organizations in your community.

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